

December 2023 NEWSLETTER

Meetings: Post 5 – Third Tuesday at 6:30 PM, Auxiliary Unit 5 – Third Tuesday at 6:30 PM SAL Squadron 5 – First Tuesday at 7:00 PM, ALR Chapter 5 – First Thursday at 6:00 PM

Notes from Commander Hal Dulle:

During a recent visit with Paul Kirchhoff, Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission, I asked him if he would provide us with information that impacts our Legionnaires. Here are some:

All MVC homes are open and are accepting Veteran applications from those requiring long term care. They are also open to visitation and volunteers wishing to spend time with Veterans and enhance their quality of life.

Despite widespread perception, Veterans (including the MVC) have not received a financial windfall from adult use marijuana funding. In September 2023 alone, there were \$98.2 million in adult use sales resulting in \$5.8 million in tax revenues to the MO Department of Health and Senior Services. MVC is projected to receive \$1.2 million for the entire fiscal year from those DHSS revenues.

The MVC Benefits and Resource Portal (**veteranbenefits.mo.gov**) is available to all Veterans and their families. The portal serves as a one-stop-shop to assist Veterans in discovering available free resources for subjects such as mental health, education, employment, legal and recreation among others. The MVC will also assist Veterans with Will and Trust documents at no cost to the Veteran.

MVC has full-time VSOs throughout the state available to assist Veterans with applying for the VA benefits they have earned through their service. These benefits are not a handout – They are earned through service. Use the Service Officer Locator tab on the MVC website (mvc.dps.mo.gov) to find a VSO near you. Unfortunately, only 25 per cent of our eligible Veterans have applied and are receiving their earned benefits. More to come.

"Remember Our Veterans, New and Old" Hal Dulle, Commander Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Rick Derks:

Our 2024 membership renewal is in full swing with 667 members have renewed giving us 62% of our goal. If you have not yet renewed your 2024 membership, I encourage you to send in your dues as soon as possible. If you know a member that has not renewed, please encourage them to renew. If you know a veteran or someone still on active duty that is not a member, please encourage them to join and become a member of the Largest and Most Active Post in Missouri. Our Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend monthly meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates. See you at the Post! Rick Derks, Adjutant

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: Wreath laying ceremony at the National Cemetery on December 9, formation begins at 7:30am on Dunklin St. \diamond December 16th is the Wreaths Across America at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens. The wreath placement is at 9:30am and the program starts at 11am.

December 19th, 6:30 pm... The next Post regular will be our annual Christmas Dinner. All American Legion Families are invited, Post 5 will provide entrée. We are requesting others to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts.

We have two (2) lighted Kansas City Chief signs that were made and donated by a member. A raffle is being held at the Post for these beautiful Chief signs. The tickets are available at the bar and are likely to go fast. Come on down for your chance to win.

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter via email, send me a message to opt you in. The choices are **email only** or **email and paper copy. Send an email to Post5@mchsi.com.**

<u>New Members:</u> James Foran, Richard Borgmeyer, Jesse Wilhelm, Shawn Schmidt, David Finch, Peter (Horst) Goldschmidt, Paul Kirchhoff. Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family. <u>TAPS:</u> None



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Notes from Auxiliary President Debbie Cheshire:

Post 5 Christmas Party is scheduled for December 19th. All members are invited. Auxiliary voted to donate \$3,000 to Tiny Houses for Veterans and \$1,000 to the Veterans Pantry. Poppy drive was a huge success, the Auxiliary raised \$6,000. Thanks to the volunteers and cadets that made this success happen. Especially Esther Rosner who chaired this project. Thanks, Debbie Cheshire, Auxiliary President Unit 5 *Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Althusser:*

Son's Christmas party is during the December meeting on the 5th, bring a dish. I want to remind all SAL members that our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings start @7 Hope to see you soon at the Post. Chris Altheuser, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Steve Spayde:

Riders - Thanksgiving has passed and hopefully, everyone has recovered from their food comas. And just like that Christmas is just around the corner, and we have a lot to do in the month of December. Our annual Christmas party will be held on our regular meeting night of 12/7. We'll be doing our regular white elephant gift exchange and a silent auction. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to go with dinner. We also have our booze box fundraiser again this year. The cooler is located behind the bar and members are requested to please donate a bottle of your favorite booze or some lotto scratchers to the box to be raffled at the Valentine's party on 2/10. This is a big fundraiser so let's make it the best booze box yet. There will be two Christmas wreath-laying ceremonies again this year. One at the National Cemetery and one at Hawthorne Gardens. The dates are 12/9 and 12/16. Finally, I have been offered the honor of being the Grand Marshall for the Christmas parade on 12/2. If you'd like to ride with me, I'd like to have four to eight bikes, or even more to join me at the front of the parade. If you're able to decorate your bike with a wreath and some battery-powered lights, that would be even better. Finally, I would be remiss in congratulating you all for your contribution to the Chapter and helping us be recognized as Large Chapter of the Year again this year.

Cheers to all, and Merry Christmas

Steve Spayde, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jim Mead

The Business Management Committee (BMC) had our monthly meeting on 11/13/2023. Last month the Executive Committee and Post Membership approved the Electronic Sign.

On November 4th there was AED and CPR Training for the post staff and several members at Post 5 from 9:00 to 12:00. The outstanding training and certification was conducted by the Miller County Health department.

On November 16th we had 'Show Me The Cash', a game that is a cross between Bingo and a card game. We had a good turnout and everyone that played had a great time. We are planning to play this game again in January. Come on out and join us for some evening fun.

The Post will have a Christmas Eve Event from 2:00 to 6:00 PM with hors d'oeuvres. You buy your first drink, and you get the second one free.

The Post will close at 7:00 PM on New Year's Eve.

We still want to encourage the use of the Suggestion Box on the wall outside of the Commander's Office. If you leave a suggestion and want an in-person explanation or a return call/email, please provide your number or address. The BMC will also review this feedback at every meeting. A big thank you to those members that returned the survey in last month's newsletter. Your suggestions are being reviewed and some may be implemented.

Please remember that if you have a complaint about an employee or patron, we will not act on second hand or unverified information so please have the courtesy to put your name to your complaint so we can address it directly.

You don't deserve to be treated disrespectfully by other members or our staff and our staff do not deserve to be treated this way either. Please be respectful of others. Jim Mead (573) 230-2324



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Follow all the events and meals on the insert or the calendar in the newsletter and our Facebook site. If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez 573-636-2311 or post5ha@mchsi.com.

2024 Membership Renewal \$45

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If you have not renewed your 2024 membership, please complete the form, bring it to the Post or mail with \$45 (our annual dues) to American Legion Post 5, 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65101



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